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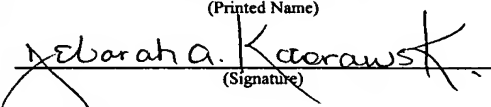
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Reply in the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ [ X ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- ☒ [ X ] Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (12 pages).
- ☒ [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (3 pages).
- ☒ [ X ] Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page) listing one (1) reference.
- ☒ [ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	43	-	70	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	7	-	8	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:		+					\$360.00	=	\$0.00
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☐ The Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

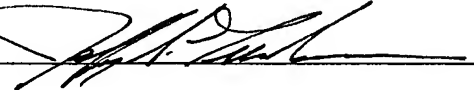
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Extension Fees Previously Paid:			\$0.00
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If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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